

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. The Examiner objected to the reissue declaration and assent of assignee because it (1) does not establish the authority of the representative of Seiko Instruments, Inc. to sign the assent of assignee, (2) does not identify the post office address of the inventors, and (3) incorrectly lists the "July 17, 1997" date of Japanese Priority Application No. 9-192795.

In accordance with the present response, applicants submit herewith a signed substitute reissue declaration, power of attorney and assent of assignee for entry in the file of the captioned application. With respect to the objections concerning items (2) and (3) raised by the Examiner, paragraph 1 of the substitute reissue declaration identifies the post office address of the inventors and paragraph 7 correctly lists the "July 17, 1997" date of Japanese Priority Application No. 9-192795. Also submitted is a copy of the specification correctly listing the "July 17, 1997" date of Japanese Priority Application No. 9-192795.

With respect to the Examiner's objection concerning item (3), applicants submit herewith a signed declaration of

Shigeru Inagaki stating Mr. Inagaki's authority to sign the assent of assignee on behalf of Seiko Instruments, Inc.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the objections raised by the Examiner concerning the foregoing items (1)-(3) have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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